

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL AND SENATOR MILLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Hunter Hayes for his numerous accomplishments as a country music recording artist.

WHEREAS, Hunter Hayes was born on September 9, 1991, to Leo and Lynette Hayes, of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Hunter began his musical career at the age of two when his grandmother gave him a toy accordion; and

WHEREAS, at the age of four, Hunter joined his first band and appeared on the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival stage with Wayne Toups and took his accordion on stage and sang "Jambalaya" with Hank Williams, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Hunter has appeared on many national television shows, including *Maury*, *Rosie O'Donnell*, and several *Nickelodeon* programs; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seven, Hunter was invited to perform for President Bill Clinton at a White House lawn party and at the age of thirteen appeared on America's Most Talented Kids; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2012, just two days shy of his twenty-first birthday, Hunter became the youngest artist ever inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Hunter's debut single, "Storm Warning", was released to radio on May 16, 2011, and his self-titled debut album was released on October 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Hunter cowrote every song on his album, played every instrument found on the album, and was coproducer of the album; and

WHEREAS, the second single from Hunter's debut album, "Wanted", was released on March 5, 2012, and was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) on August 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Hunter was named best new artist of 2012 by the Country Music Association, and he appeared on the CBS show, *The Talk*, where he was given an RIAA Gold Certification plaque for "Wanted"; and

WHEREAS, "Wanted" is not only Hunter's first number one single, it also made Hunter the youngest solo male artist to top the Hot Country Songs chart, breaking the record set in 1973 by Johnny Rodriguez by a full three months and one week; and

WHEREAS, "Wanted" returned to the top of the country charts twenty weeks after first appearing in the top spot; and

WHEREAS, Hunter was nominated for three Grammy Awards, including Best New Artist at the 2013 Grammy Awards, and Hunter is the youngest male country artist ever to be nominated in the three Grammy categories in which he was nominated; and

WHEREAS, Hunter is the second most nominated artist at the Academy of Country Music Awards this year, including nominations for song of the year as artist and composer, single of the year as artist and producer, and video of the year; and

WHEREAS, Hunter is currently a special guest for the biggest artist in country music, Carrie Underwood, on her Blown Away Tour; and

WHEREAS, Hunter merits a special measure of commendation for the tremendous honor and pride that he brings to his family, friends, and community, the state of Louisiana, and all who know him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Hunter Hayes for his outstanding accomplishments and achievements in country music, does hereby recognize for posterity the extraordinary career he has had thus far, does hereby heartily congratulate him for the many sales records that he has broken and the many recognitions he has received, and does hereby extend to him every good wish for continued success, prosperity, and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Hunter Hayes.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE